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SUBJECT: LOAN OF VIETNAMESE MONITORS TO KHMER NAVY

REF: STATE 39195

1. THE PRESIDENT TODAY INFORMED ME HE WILL APPROVE THE LOAN OF THE FOUR MONITORS TO THE KHMER NAVY WHEN WE OFFICIALLY REQUEST THAT HE DO SO. I ASSUME WE CAN MAKE SUCH AN OFFICIAL REQUEST AS SOON AS 15 DAYS NOTICE OF INTENT GIVEN TO THE CONGRESS. PLEASE ADVISE HOW WE SHOULD EXPRESS THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GKR WOULD UNDERTAKE TO REPLACE ANY VESSELS LOST IN COMBAT.

2. PRESIDENT SAID HE HAPPY TO COOPERATE AS FULLY AS POSSABLE, AS INDEED HE HAD DONE YESTERDAY IN PROMPTLY APPROVING USE OF TAN SON NHUT FOR AIRLIFT. HE ASSUMED WE HAD THOROUGHLY ESTABLISHED TRANSACTION LEGAL AND THAT WE WOULD ACT PROMPTLY AND DECISIVELY TO ANSWER ANY CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM THAT HIS ACTION IN ANY WAY VIOLATED US LAW. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE HAD MADE SUCH POINTS IN UNMISTAKQKKEE TERMS TO WASHINGTON BEFORE RECEIVING TODAY'S REQUEST. I THEREFORE ASSUMED THAT THE REQUEST WE HAD RECEIVED TODAY COMPREHENDED THE POINTS HE HAD JUST RAISED.
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